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For: TEST PIECE, METHOD OF AND APPARATUS FOR MANUFACTURING THE TEST  
PIECE AND METHOD OF AND SYSTEM FOR READING THE SAME

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UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

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Sir:

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U.S. Patent No. 6,057,100, issued May 2, 2000.

One copy of each of the listed document is submitted herewith.

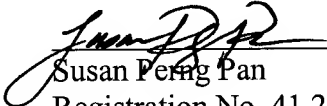
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